

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EXTRADITION TREATIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to implement the extradition treaties signed with various countries;
- (b) the details of the Indian Nationals arrested abroad during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to secure their release?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Requests for extradition received from foreign countries are considered in terms of the applicable treaty and Indian Extradition Act, 1962. Requests for extradition received from investigating agencies in India are examined and forwarded to the concerned foreign country, in accordance with the provisions of the bilateral extradition treaty.

(b) These details are published in the Annual Report of the Ministry of External Affairs. The figures of Indian nationals arrested abroad during the last three years are as under:

Year	1999	2000	2001
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Nos. of Indian prisoners	8945	9243	4556
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(c) Prisoners are dealt with according to local laws. The welfare and well-being of Indian prisoners is monitored through visits by the Consular Officer of the concerned Indian Mission/Post. Deserving cases are taken up with the local authorities.